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SWARTHOUT HAS TWO RETURNING STARTERS  
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(fifth in a series on the UM spring football team)

MISSOULA----

Saturday's Alumni Football Game provides relief from a conflict of interests for University of Montana grid mentor Jack Swarthout.

Swarthout is not only the head coach, but commander of the Grizzly defensive secondary. "As head coach I keep tabs on the offense's progress and desperately want it to be effective, but at the same time I am emphasizing defense and hoping the offense will be stopped," Swarthout said. "This is only a factor in the spring because we are playing against each other. In the fall we do our hitting and playing-for-keeps against other teams."

Although most of the members of the alumni squad for Saturday's capper to spring drills played under Swarthout, the eighth-year coach is anxious to spend a Saturday without mixed emotions. "This weekend I can hope for both units to do well, knowing that both have the opportunity to dominate."

Swarthout, who took over the coaching of the defensive backs when Gene Carlson accepted a position with UM, inherits two starters from 1973's record setting secondary.

All-Big Sky cornerback Sly Hardy and strong safety Mike Ladd head what could be another outstanding group of secondary backs.

The 1973 secondary held the opposition to completions on a mere 35.4 percent of its attempts. Ladd tied for the team lead with five interceptions and Hardy, despite picking off only one pass, was unbeatable at his position.

"Sly has picked up where he left off last year and is having an excellent spring," Swarthout said. "He is effective against the run and the pass, as is Mike, who has great football instincts."

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At present, letterman Glenn Schmasow and transfer Greg Carter are working with Hardy and Ladd in the starting secondary, but converted halfback Greg Anderson and walk on Bob Eustance have impressed Swarthout.

"Glenn has really improved at free safety and is gaining confidence," Swarthout said. "He is living up to what we had expected of him this spring and it is nice to know that we'll have him for two more years."

The value of spring ball is evident in Carter's situation. "He started very slow, but is improving now and learning by leaps and bounds," Swarthout said. "If he had started this way in the fall we might have given up on him because there is so little time to prepare for the first game."

Schmasow, who is 6-1 and 185 pounds, and Carter, who is 6-3 and 200 pounds, have good speed, but it is Anderson's speed that impresses Swarthout the most. "He has great quickness and flatout speed," Swarthout said. "That gives him tremendous range and we think he will be a real good football player."

Anderson played split end as a freshman last fall, then moved to halfback early in the spring session before being shifted to the secondary. He is working behind both Carter and Schmasow.

Eustance is a walk on from Helena and Swarthout praises his efforts. "He has surprised us, not only with his ability, but with his hard work and evident desire to make the team," Swarthout said.

The secondary has three other walk ons, Bob Bird, Pete Sanpair and Larry Nesbitt, who have contributed during spring drills. "Everyone has been working hard and it has been a good spring," Swarthout said. "I am very happy about the attitudes of all concerned."

Tom Facey, a walk on last fall, has been the only casualty in the secondary. "Tom hurt his knee last week, but I want to single him out for another reason," Swarthout said. "From last fall to this spring, he is the most improved football player we have ever had."

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